WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL, 1952.

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POPULATION.

The population of the State on the 31st December, 1951 was estimated to be 591,602, comprising 304,866 Males and 286,736 Females.

The estimated population of the Metropolitan Area at the 31st December, 1951 was 317,000.

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

	MAF	RCH.	3 Months MAR	
	1952	1951	1952	1951
Marriages - *Rate per 1000 of Population.	474 9.42	520 10.62	1,542	1,491 10.51
Births - Number. *Rate per 1000 of Population.	1,164 23.14	1,242 25.37	3,816 25.88	3,731 26.30
Deaths - *Rate per 1000 of Population.	. 365 7.25	372 7.60	1,204	1,187 8.37
Infant Number. Mortality ARate per 1000 Live Births.	34 29.21	37 29.79	119 31.18	142 38.06
PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH -				
Tuberculosis. Cancer. Influenza.	7 38 1	- 47 -	24 158 4	28 160
Diphtheria. Cerebral Haemorrhage, etc. Arteriosclerosis.	48 ¹ 5	1 37 11	151 42	2 119 34
Diseases of the Heart. Pneumonia and Broncho-Pneumonia. Diarrhoea and Enteritis. Nephritis.	115 10 6	114 10 8 6	337 46 15	343 44 25
Diseases of Early Infancy. Senility. Accidents.	4 25 2	19 2	15 77 5	16 78 5
All Other Causes.	22 82	37 67	92 238	110 223
Total.	365	372	1,204	1,187

^{*} Equivalent Annual Rate. * Deaths under one year.

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LAND SETTLEMENT.

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the four months ended April totalled 293,611 acres, a decrease of 72,201 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 1,035,739 acres, a decrease of 119,361.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

	Month of	APRIL.	10 Months ended APRIL.		
	1952	1951	1952	1951	
	£.	£.	£.	£.	
Revenue. Revenue per Head of Population. Expenditure. Expenditure per Head of Population.	3,030,324 £5. 1. 5 3,048,942 £5. 2. 1	2,481,162 £4. 5. 11 2,461,695 £4. 5. 3			

SAVINGS BANKS.

Depositors' Balances on the 30th April amounted to £46,444,860 or £77. 13. 4d. per head of population as against £43,598,563 or £75. 7. 7d. per head as at the 30th April last year.

Bank Clearances.

The average weekly clearance for the 5 weeks ended 30th April, 1952 amounted to £12,433,131 compared with £14,824,793 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Title		AP.	RIL.	10 Months ended APRIL.		
and Deeds.	. 1952	1951	1952	1951		
Transfers. Mortgages.	No. £. No.	1,570 2,042,983 1,105	2,426 3,297,877 1,367	18,924 25,214,998 12,844	20,840 24,440,393 13,997	
Discharges of Mortgages.	£. No.	1,575,702 785	1,833,214 1,203	17,665,845 9,176	17,755,502	

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE & EXEMPT GOODS & TAX COLLECTED.

	Taxable	Goods.	Sales		
Period of Receipt of Returns.	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable. (Gross).	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable. (Gross).	of Exempt Goods.	Tax Collected.	
	£.	£.	£.	£.	
Ten months ended					
April, 1951.	23,936,960	17,543,768	49,203,773	2,494,655	
Ten months ended					
April, 1952.	30,783,404	23,102,925	70,735,233	4,567,161	
Month of April, 1951. Month of April, 1952.	2,341,460 4,490,441	2,121,557 2,542,506	6,215,230 8,600,705	290,639 531,949	

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COMPANIES REGISTERED.

75 Local Companies, with a nominal capital of £3,950,900, and 55 Foreign Companies were registered during the ten months ended April, 1952. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 97 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £4,329,000, and 37 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY.

		10 Months ended APRIL.								
		1952	1951	1951						
	No.	Liabilities.	Assets.	No.	Liabilities.	Assets.				
Sequestration Orders. Deeds of Assignment.(a) Deeds of Arrangement.	15 12 1	£. 30,046 38,959 1,978	£. 31,858 26,880 1,015	22 13	£. 69,423 30,656	£. 35,348 30,613				

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT.

The operations of the State Government Railways, open for General and Passenger traffic, were as follows:-

		MARCH.	9 Months	ended MARCH.
	1952	1951	1952	1951
Gross Earnings. (a) *	€. 694,300	558,200	7,129,800	5,086,100
Working Expenses. (a)	£. 895,889	785,963	7,847,016	6,251,982
Train Miles Run. N	533,208	596,700	5,379,390	5,364,176
Motor Bus Miles Run. N	o. (b)144,931	(b) 146,227	(c)1,353,273	(c)1,230,292
Passenger Journeys -				
	731,987 0. 46,571	931,131 55,241	8,430,009 431,078	8,540,439 407,461
Tonnage Carried -				
Paying Goods. Livestock.	239,485 8,298	231,662 9,364	2,279,473	2,127,815
Departmental. (Free Freight).	83,522	67,472	663,578	657,600
Total.	331,305	308,498	3,048,067	2,902,978
Net Ton Mileage of -				
Paying Goods. Livestock.	36,662,028 1,151,173	35,650,600 1,033,877	352,965,320 13,697,903	327,439,122
Departmental. (Free Freight).	8,696,963	8,242,087	71,687,067	77,799,140
Total.	46,510,164	44,926,564	438,350,290	419,948,242

- (a) Includes operations of the Railway Road Service.
- (b) Four weeks ended 8th March.
- (c) Period ended 8th March.
- * Figures liable to revision.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED (EXCLUDING COMMONWEALTH-OWNED VEHICLES).

		METROPOLITA	N AREA.			ENTIRE STAT	PE.	
	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Buses Utilities		Motor Cycles	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Buses Utilities.		Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1950 Year 1951. 1952 -	4,664 4,263	1,901 2,088	86 51	1,214	9,325 7,914	5,660 5,730	150 101	2,390 3,192
January. February. March.	290 148 378 175 407 228		1 3 4.	140 143 156	602 774 881	398 469 611	3 9 11	237 231 261

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS).*

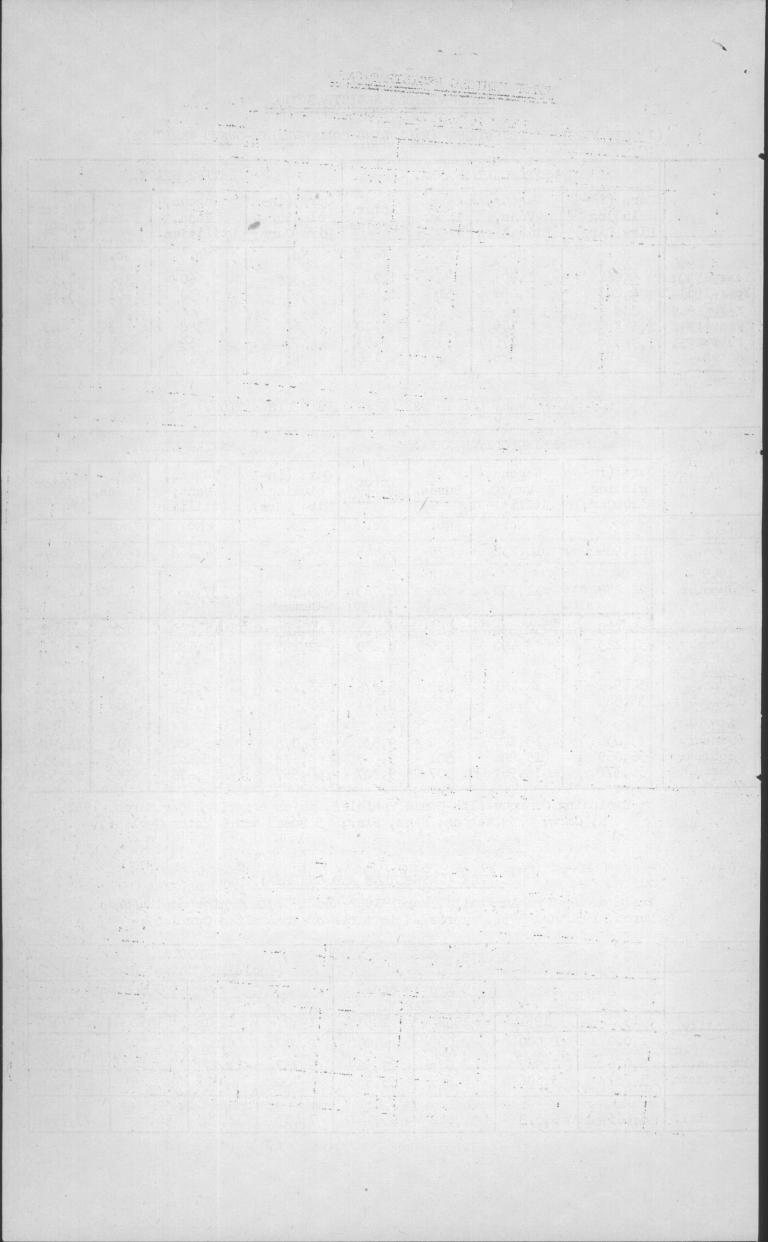
Date (as		METROPOLITA	N AREA.		ENTIRE STATE.				
at end of Month).	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities.	Buses.	Motor Cycles.	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses.	Motor Cycles	
1948 -	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	
June.	21,968	10,132	275	5,445	35,485	34,362	457	8,874	
1949 - June.	24,259	11,330	364	6,729	39,989	37,680	648	10,972	
1950 - June. December.	28,529 31,223	12,530 13,490	443 494	7,707 8,230	48,485 52,185	41,688 42,792	826 903	12,890 13,030	
1951 - June. December.	32,966 35,585	14,461 15,586	499 498	8,876 9,721	56,109 59,085	46,150 47,936	950 932	14,521 15,171	
1952 - January February March.	35,934 36,069 36,377	15,770 15,824 15,964	498 501 507	9,834 9,867 9,907	59,073 60,178 60,967	46,524 48,141 48,676	915 950 963	14,934 15,357 15,507	

^{*} Excluding Commonwealth-Owned Vehicles, which comprised for March, 1952:-99 Cars; 739 Wagons, Vans, etc.; 9 Buses and 6 Motor Cycles.

TRADE (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA).

Trade of Western Australia, March 1952 and 1951, and nine months ended March, 1952 and 1951, expressed in terms of Australian Currency:-

		IME	PORTS.	EXPORTS. (Including Ships' Stores).				
	MARCH.		9 Months ended MARCH.		MAR	CH.	9 Months ended MARCH.	
	1952	1951	1952	1951	1952	1951	1952	1951
	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000
Oversea. Interstate.	5,076 3,787	2,967 3,606	48,675 45,807	29,569 33,588	6,737 700	11,271 822	57,717 9,151	73,341
Total.	8,863	6,573	94,482	63,157	7,437	12,093	66,868	79,791



BUILDING ACTIVITY.

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED.

		Dwel	lings.								
		Owner-Built.		By Contractors etc. (a)		Factories.		Other.		Total.	
	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	
Year 1946 Year 1947 Year 1948 Year 1949 Year 1950 Year 1951 1952 - March Qr.	55 165 514 825 1,313 1,913	£,000 32 109 346 693 1,365 2,835	1,316 2,245 2,544 2,485 3,331 4,137	£,000 1,221 2,380 3,041 3,476 4,727 6,969	52 37 49 57 41 40	£,000 82 64 160 215 263 459	145 164 268 317 428 433	£,000 192 327 431 657 651 986	1,568 2,611 3,375 3,684 5,113 6,523	£,000 1,527 2,880 3,978 5,041 7,006 11,249	

(a) Comprises Governmental Day Labour as well as Private Contractor operations, and includes Shop Dwellings, Flats and other Residentials excluded from table (2) hereunder.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION.

(Including Owner-Built Homes).

	Hous	Houses Completed - Classified according to Materials of Outer Walls.										
Period.	Brick, Stone, Concrete, etc.		Wood or Mainly Wood.		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement.		Other Material.		Total.			
	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.		
		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000		
Year 1946 Year 1947 Year 1948 Year 1949 Year 1950 Year 1951	578 1,114 1,252 1,449 1,709 2,155	640 1,365 1,715 2,235 2,882 4,560	186 257 326 228 337 453	140 196 249 191 311 525	373 966 1,436 1,571 2,262 2,933	296 862 1,348 1,649 2,572 4,241	227 62 29 42 55 190	172 47 22 43 48 218	1,364 2,399 3,043 3,290 4,363 5,731	1,248 2,470 3,334 4,118 5,813 9,544		
March Qr.	559	1,374	113	171	769	1,255	36	70	1,477	2,870		

BUTTER PRODUCTION IN FACTORIES.

224,190 lbs. were produced during April, 1952, and 13,146,724 lbs. for the ten months ended April, 1952 as against 260,609 lbs. and 13,616,609 lbs. respectively for the corresponding periods for 1951.

GOLD PRODUCTION.

	APRIL.		4 Months ended APRIL.	
	1952	1951	1952	1951
Quantity Fine Ozs.	50,269	47,150	161,938	197,663
Value (Aust. Currency). £.	778,757	730,440	3,205,848	3,062,143

Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies for the four months ended April, 1952 amounted to £52,473. Dividends reported for the corresponding period of 1951 amounted to £178,856.

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RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS.

(Base of Each Series: Weighted Average of Six Capitals for 1923/27 = 1000).

	Food and Groceries.					All Items of Household Expenditure ("C" Series).			
	DECEMBER QUARTER.		12 Months ended DECEMBER.		MARCH QUARTER.		12 Months ended MARCH.		
	1951	1950	1951	1950	1952	1951	1952	1951	
Metropolitan Area. Kalgoorlie-Boulder. Northam. Bunbury. Geraldton. Collie.	2133 2285 2175 2178 2217 2174	1707 1833 1708 1733 1739 1731	1963 2105 1995 1991 2033 1991	1597 1728 1613 1610 1636 1611	2080 2164 2070 2106 2169 1992	1712 1782 1732 1719 1809 1643	1952 2036 1955 1967 2046 1872	1596 1689 1610 1614 1677 1533	

ESTIMATED TOTAL EMPLOYMENT.

(Excluding Rural and Private Domestic). Figures supplied by Commonwealth Statistician.

Month.		1951		1952			
WOII 0216	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	
January. February. March. April. May. June. July. August. September. October. November. December.	123,741 124,946 125,210 124,785 124,715 125,284 125,649 125,475 125,366 125,843 126,646 126,667	40,324 41,182 41,480 41,729 41,642 41,564 41,445 41,602 41,474 41,405 41,467 41,743	164,065 166,128 166,690 166,514 166,357 166,848 167,094 167,077 166,840 167,248 168,113 168,410	127,021 127,514 127,866	40,611 41,319 41,367	167,632 168,833 169,233	

EMPLOYMENT INDEX SERIES.

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	FACTORIES. (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees = 100)).					(Base: Ju	ETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS (b) Base: July, 1941 (9,578 Employees = 1000)).			
	1948	1949	1950	1951(a)	1952(a)	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952
January. February. March. April. May. June. July. August. September. October. November. December.	171 172 176 176 177 177 177 179 180 180 182 182	179 182 186 187 187 182 189 190 191 192 194	194 197 200 200 203 202 204 204 204 206 207 207	208 212 215 215 216 215 216 215 216 215 212 214 214 214	213 213 213	1233 1249 1264 1264 1277 1277 1301 1294 1302 1318 1349 1385	1354 1358 1371 1377 1354 1362 1381 1377 1365 1375 1402 1470	1410 1387 1415 1415 1418 1429 1423 1419 1428 1431 1450 1531	1490 1495 1513 1508 1500 1517 1517 1510 1518 1522 1537 1587	1540 1536 1522

- (a) Figures subsequent to June, 1951 are preliminary and are based primarily on Pay Roll Tax Returns.
- (b) Indexes computed by Commonwealth Statistician from Pay Roll Tax Returns.

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